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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. CHILE' S REACTION TO BILATERAL TALKS ON COMPENSATION

CHILE' S AMBASSADOR TO THE US LETELIER, NOW IN SANTIAGO, HAS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR DAVIS AND A WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT HIS DEEP DISCOURAGEMENT OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE US- CHILEAN TALKS. LETELIER CLAIMS THE REACTION OF HIS GOVERNMENTAL COLLEAGUES HAS BEEN STRONG. AMBASSADOR DAVIS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO CLARIFY OUR POSITION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALMEYDA. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES LETELIER' S DISTORTIONS OF THE US POSITION SUGGEST CHILE IS MOVING TOWARDS PROVOKING A " CONFRONTATION." ( SECRET) SANTIAGO 1339, 1341, 3/30; STATE 060026, 4/1 ( EXDIS).

### 2. YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC REQUESTS URGENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE

YAR PRIME MINISTER HAJIR CALLED IN CHARGE NEWTON MARCH 30 TO INFORM HIM THAT THE YARG BELIEVES THE PEOPLE' S SECRET

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN IS MASSING TROOPS IN PREPARATION FOR AN ARMED ATTACK ON THE YAR. HAJIR REQUESTED THAT US MILITARY AID, EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA, BE SPEEDED UP. THE YARG HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAUDI ARABIA. THE BRITISH HAVE EVIDENCE OF TROOP MASSING BUT NOT OF THE ALLEGED INVASION PLAN. NEWTON VIEWS THE YARG REPORT WITH SOME SCEPTICISM BUT DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION. ( SECRET) SANAA 510, 3/30; 517, 3/31; 523, 4/1; STATE 059826, 3/30 ( EXDIS).

### 3. NO DECISION ON LAND PURCHASES IN WEST BANK

A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THE QUESTION OF ALLOWING ISRAELIS TO BUY LAND IN THE WEST BANK STILL HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED TO THE GOI. HOWEVER, DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN AND OTHER CABINET OFFICIALS ARE SEEKING CABINET APPROVAL TO LIBERALIZE THE PRESENT STRICT PURCHASE- LICENSING GUIDELINES. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE GOI MAY EVENTUALLY APPROVE LIBERALIZATION. ( CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 2534, 3/30.

### 4. ENEMY CONTROLS MEKONG RIVER IN CAMBODIA

EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPORTS ENEMY FORCES ALONG THE MEKONG FORCED BACK SUPPLY VESSELS MARCH 30. A RESULTING FUEL SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED IN PHNOM PENH DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL. FANK UNITS ARE PREPARING TO SWEEP THE RIVER. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY NOTES THE TROOPS' POOR MORALE AND QUESTIONS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT. IT PREDICTS THE MEKONG WILL EVENTUALLY BE REOPENED BUT THAT THE LONG RANGE, " POSSIBLY VERY SERIOUS," PROBLEMS OF GARRISONING IT WILL REMAIN. ( SECRET) PHNOM PENH 3038, 4/2.

### 5. KOSYGIN STRESSES DESIRE FOR CLOSER US- USSR ECONOMIC TIES

PREMIER KOSYGIN STRESSED TO EXIM BANK CHAIRMAN KEARNS ON MARCH 30 THE SOVIET UNION' S DESIRE FOR LARGE- SCALE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE US, EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS. KOSYGIN NOTED THAT CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IS GROWING AND OBSERVED THAT THE USSR IS NOT INTERESTED  
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IN MONETARY CHAOS. THE USSR NEEDS CREDITS ON THE MOST

FAVORABLE TERMS, KOSYGIN SAID, BUT THE US WOULD NOT FIND MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION ELSEWHERE. ( CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 3561, 3/31 ( LIMDIS).

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6. MBFR: SOVIET RESPONSE ON HUNGARIAN ISSUE

THE SOVIET MBFR REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH THE US REPRESENTATIVE MARCH 30 AND, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, DEVELOPED THE TEXT OF A PROCEDURES PAPER ALONG THE LINES OF THE FEBRUARY 8 ALLIED PAPER BUT WITH HUNGARY IN THE CATEGORY OF SPECIAL PARTICIPANT AND WITH AN ENLARGEMENT FORMULA. EMBASSY VIENNA REPORTS THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDED THAT THE PACKAGE WAS SOLELY TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE SOVIETS. ( SECRET) VIENNA 2621, 3/31 ( EXDIS).

7. TUNISIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE TERMINATED

TUNISIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY ELEMENTS OF THE US SIXTH FLEET WAS TERMINATED ON 31 MARCH. OVER 1,000 PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED FROM FLOODED AREAS AND MORE THAN 70 TONS OF SUPPLIES WERE AIRLIFTED IN SUPPORT OF FLOOD VICTIMS. ( SECRET) NMCC OPSUM 4/2.

INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A TOTAL OF 85 CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1900 EST APRIL 1. IN MR L, THE MAJOR VIOLATIONS REPORTED WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE FOCUSED PRIMARILY WEST-NORTHWEST OF HUE. IN MR 3 RVNAF ELEMENTS AT TONLE CHAM BASE CAMP RECEIVED FIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN TWO SOLDIERS KILLED AND 16 WOUNDED. IN MR 4, AN ARVN INFANTRY BATTALION EAST- SOUTHEAST OF CAN THO, RECEIVED A GROUND ATTACK RESULTING IN 13 ENEMY SOLDIERS AND 12 ARVN SOLDIERS KILLED. ( SECRET) NMCC OPSUM, 4/2.

AIR OPERATIONS

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, 162 US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND GUNSHIP SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN CAMBODIA. IN ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS USAF B-52'S FLEW 60 SORTIES. ( SECRET) NMCC SECRET

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